

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application and are allowed. In response, no claims are amended, no claims are cancelled and no claims are added.

I. Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification for failing to include a "Summary of the Invention." However, Applicants would like to kindly point out that both the M.P.E.P. and 37 C.F.R. §1.73 do not require the presence of a "Summary of the Invention" in a patent application. They merely indicate where in the application the "Summary of the Invention" should be placed if Applicants were to elect to include one. In particular, 37 C.F.R. §1.73 only states that "[a] brief summary of the invention . . . should precede the detailed description." 37 C.F.R. §1.73 does not state "must" or "shall." Accordingly, Applicants have elected not to include a "Summary of the Invention" as this is within the discretion of Applicants.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the specification.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that Claims 1-28 patentably define the subject invention over the cited references of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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